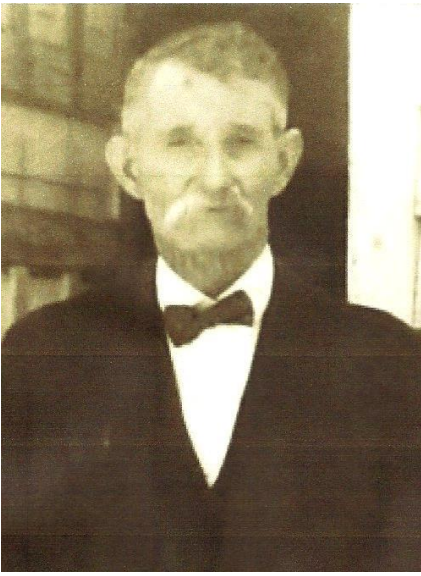


The Greenleaf Branch Branch History

By the Fulghum Sisters: . Ila Grey Lake "Shug", Hilda Marie, Edna Grace and Martha Raye,
with additional comments from Christine Epps Gardner, Roy Epps and Mary Sprion

Sunday School –Mt Olive



Stephen Henry Price

The history of the Greenleaf Branch in Goldsboro, North Carolina starts with missionaries during the period between 1896 and 1900 when approximately 100 people joined the Church. The missionaries began visiting in the homes around Goldsboro in 1900. The Elders first held Sunday School in a rented storehouse. Later the members held meetings in their homes. The first Sunday School to be organized in Wayne County was called the Union Sunday School that was located near Mt Olive. This Sunday School was re-organized on the 8th of November 1896. On June 6, 1897 the Sunday School was re-organized with Stephen Henry Price, as Superintendent.



Samuel Birchard Fulghum

On May 5, 1910 a Sunday School was organized in Goldsboro with Samuel Birchard Fulghum as Superintendent. Samuel was the son of Stephen Henry Price. On July 14, 1911, Andrew D Mooring donated a tract of land in his peach orchard. A meetinghouse was constructed that same year. My mother wrote of her memories of attending church as a small girl. She said, "I had the privilege of hearing my grandfather give sermons, not talks back then and very strong. Also, my Dad was a dynamic speaker and traveled over many parts of North Carolina holding Cottage Meetings and taking food and clothing to the less fortunate." When Samuel B. Fulghum became Branch President he went around to meet with members visiting the sick and blessing babies that were born to members often with the help of the missionaries. On Sunday at 10:00 am was Sunday School and then Cottage Meeting where the members that could not get in to the city and lived in the remote areas were visited, then went back home and went back to church at 7:00 at night. Cottage Meetings were like a Sacrament Meeting with the sacrament, speakers and singing.

During the early years Stephen H. Price was an avid leader in the Goldsboro Branch. He was the Presiding Elder of this area and was revered by the members in this locality. He had a gift of healing and was referred to as Preacher Price by all in the community. He was often called upon to give priesthood blessing to members and non- members around the area. He had a great ability for speaking and often called upon to "preach".

THE CHAPEL



The chapel was located in the Greenleaf area of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The address was 421 Frank Street. It was a small building located down an alley with a house on both sides of the Chapel. One side was a large home with a nice non-member family. The other side was an old run down house where an older woman lived. The chapel was built by members and another member donated the land. Until the 1950's there were not many LDS chapels in the South. On May 23, 1943, this chapel was sold to the First Baptist Church. After the meeting house was sold, the members began meeting in various halls in Goldsboro, or in the homes of members.

The Greenleaf Goldsboro Chapel-branch members around 1935.



During the 1940's
Goldsboro, N.C.
Greenleaf Chapel







The building was one large room with large curtains that divided the classrooms. Because of this we had to speak softly when we were all in class. There was a large coal stove in the middle of the room. In the winter all tried to gather around it to keep warm. The memories of the Fulghum family were about church and activities in the one room church.

Our memories of the weekly meetings are full of remembrances of singing and preaching. There were lots of friendships and relationships from those days, in that one room building off of Brick Bat Alley Road. We learned to respect the teachers who were our friends and neighbors and fellow church members, some being a little older than we were. The members were humble people and the lessons that were taught were thoughtful and spiritual. The Buck, Epps, Fulghum and Gwaltney families were very close.

Bertie Epps frequently repeated these sayings to her children and others:

Count your blessings

Be thankful for good food, clothing, shelter and membership in the church.

She also said, "**two wrongs doesn't make anything right**", "**waste not and want not**", "**let a sleeping dog lie**", "**it's better to have a dog your friend than your enemy**", "**we'll buy it when our ship comes in**", "**you may be ragged but you can be clean**", "**cleanliness is next to godliness**", "**if you play with fire you'll get burned**", "**idle hands is the devil's workshop**", and "**a bird in the hand is worth two in a bush**".





Roy Epps (son of Bertie Epps) relates the following:

Our branch was small throughout my childhood. Average attendance was about 25 or 30.

It was like one big family. A great deal of importance was placed on attending Sunday school. Each year everyone who had a perfect attendance was recognized. We did not have a car and walked to and from nearly all our meetings, a distance of about one mile each way. Even with this challenge, Christine had nine years, Mary five years and I had eight years perfect attendance.

This is evidence of not only faith and self-discipline but of enjoying the great blessing of good health and the example of a loving mother.

The branch was too small to have all the church programs. We did not have scouts, youth meetings, priesthood meetings, or seminary. We did have on a regular basis Sunday school, sacrament meeting, relief society and at times primary.

Mama was the relief society president for seventeen years and grandma Gwaltney taught a Sunday school class for about forty years. We met in a small wood constructed chapel located in the "greenleaf" community on the north side of Goldsboro. It was, as I remember about 25 feet wide and 50 feet long. There were rows of pine benches (pews) on each side and a center isle. A large wood and coal pot-bellied stove was in the isle. Curtains on wire were used to partition the room into three areas for class rooms.

Quarterly district conferences were held in those years in the Courtroom in the Wayne County courthouse. I found sitting in the balcony exciting and different from sitting on the benches in our small chapel. An act of reverence that was effectively taught me as a child was to fold my arms all during "sacrament" blessing and passing. I still practice that and remain silent, usually trying to meditate on the sacrifice our Savior made for us.



Members of the LDS Greenleaf Branch in Goldsboro, North Carolina, around 1930.

Favorite Memory

A favorite memory of the Fulghum sisters happened on one Sunday trip to visit some members out in the country in Harker's Island. Ila Grey Fulghum recounted: "I remember going with our father, the branch president, my two sisters and a friend of my sister's and another friend, Christine Epps. It was early in the morning and still a little dark. My dad was driving on the hard surface of the road and suddenly came to the end of the hard surface and hit a gravel road. The car rolled down a steep embankment, rolled over 3 times and landed upright in a ditch between two big trees. I don't think anyone was hurt except for a light cut on my arm. We were blessed and protected in our travel that day." My sister's friend sat up, then straightened her hat real good and then said, "Oh, me, I'm probably half-dead and internally injured"! The way she said it made everyone laugh. Fortunately, nobody was hurt. One of the farmers helped them get back on the road. We finally made it to Harker's Island.



Christine Epps – Lifelong friend of Ila Grey "Shug" Fulghum. Christine was in the car when it rolled.



BEN. E. RICH, PRESIDENT SOUTHERN STATES MISSION.



Charles A. Callis

In 1911, 1914, 1916 and periodically thereafter, Goldsboro was the site of State wide conferences. These were large district conferences that were held in the Goldsboro where LDS Saints would travel from great distances and would spend the day. This was a two day meeting held on Saturday and Sunday. Most of the Saturday meetings were taken up with the Elders meeting. These conferences were presided over by Mission Presidents Ben E Rich and Charles A Callis. These meetings were highly spiritual and well attended with about 500 people attending for the two days from all over the state.

CONFERENCE DINNER



Conference Dinner – Greenleaf Chapel, Goldsboro, mid 1930's

Two meetings were held on Sunday, one in the morning with a break at noon. This was the time for lunch and everyone brought dishes to share. Two benches were taken outside and pushed together where the food was placed. Everyone would gather around and tried to place themselves in front of their favorite dish, knowing who the cook was. After the blessing was said our hands went straight to our favorite food. I can remember seeing ladies making sandwiches with sliced bread and bologna. We would go for the country ham, butter beans and fried pies. We liked the homemade fried chicken, potato salad, and desserts.

The food was very good and a favorite part of the conference. There were also dishes that you did not want to eat. One example was from a dear sister that would always cook collard greens. The sad part was that she had bad eyesight and rarely washed the collard leaves and could not see the worms to pick them off before cooking the greens. This led to grit and maybe a worm or two. After eating, the benches were taken back inside and we sat through the next session.

The Missionaries Were Helpful



Missionaries helping at a member's farm



Missionary Elder Gilbert McLean helping with a member's car – 1942. After Elder McLean completed his mission, he returned to Utah, he was drafted into the Army. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He was then taken to the infamous Dachau extermination camp. After 3 weeks of internment, while praying, he was prompted to immediately get up and exit the camp through a rear door that should have been locked (but wasn't on this day). It took him two harrowing weeks, but he eventually made his way back to his unit, near Nuremberg. He was then assigned to the counter-intelligence Corp, often working undercover, in civilian clothes, behind enemy lines.

**"You have to live your life forward...but you only understand it backwards". -
from a letter by Gilbert McLean to Mary Epps Spiron, 25 Sept 1992**



Missionary Photo—Goldsboro Area

The missionaries were very helpful and respected in this little branch. They were Elders and Sisters that were dedicated to the missionary work in our area. They performed a great work in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and in strengthening the church. The missionaries stayed in the homes of the members. They frequently stayed in the home of Bertie Epps or the Fulghum home. The missionaries traveled from town to town or place to place. The members fed them. There were many different missionaries—often showing up late at night. Bertie Epps had a guest room dedicated for use by the missionaries, with their own entrance. Bertie wouldn't know how many missionaries there were to feed until she got up in the morning. The sister missionaries held Primary. There were not a lot of kids that could attend, so lots of moms with kids would attend and some neighborhood children.

Sunday Meetings



Glass Sacrament Cups

On Sundays we sat on wooden benches for the meetings. The Sacrament was blessed and passed. The bread was a biscuit broken onto a small place and passed by the priesthood. The water was in a drinking glass and passed from one to another. Each one took a small sip and passed on to the next. Each Sunday a big basket went home with one of the families (often the Fulghum or Epps) family that contained the sacrament cups and the plate. They were washed and dried and put back into the basket to go back to church.

On Fast and Testimony meetings the one conducting the meeting went down each row and expected each one to stand up and hear his or her testimonies. We also gave 2 ½ minute talks during opening exercises of Sunday School. We learned to sing and memorize the hymns, we learned to teach at a young age, we taught one another and we had branch picnics. We put on plays, had conferences, had Easter Egg hunts and Christmas programs.

Every year there was a big tall Christmas tree in the chapel. It was a big pine tree with homemade decorations. The tree was harvested and brought to the chapel by A.J. Gwaltney, grandfather of Christine Epps. There was a program and a gift for every child. The girls got a string of artificial pearls or sometimes a powder puff. We would draw names and give each other a gifts that were placed on this tree. At

the Christmas party a play was put on by the members. On Sunday morning before Christmas a special Christmas story was reenacted. Someone had to open the curtain and close the curtain. The singers sat in a classroom to the side of the podium. There was always the singing of Christmas Carols and special ones like “Star of Wonder” and “We Three Kings of Orient”.

The Christmas program sometimes included stories that to us were funny. A few people would play hymns on the pump organ. Recitations were popular. One time I was going to play a song on the organ and another girl my age wanted to play and I said I was going to play. Well she got very upset and jumped out the window in protest.



The girl that protested – Mattie Christine Epps.

North Carolina Pioneer Beginnings



Stephen Henry Price (1865-1932)
wife Elizabeth Fulghum Price (1848-1928)



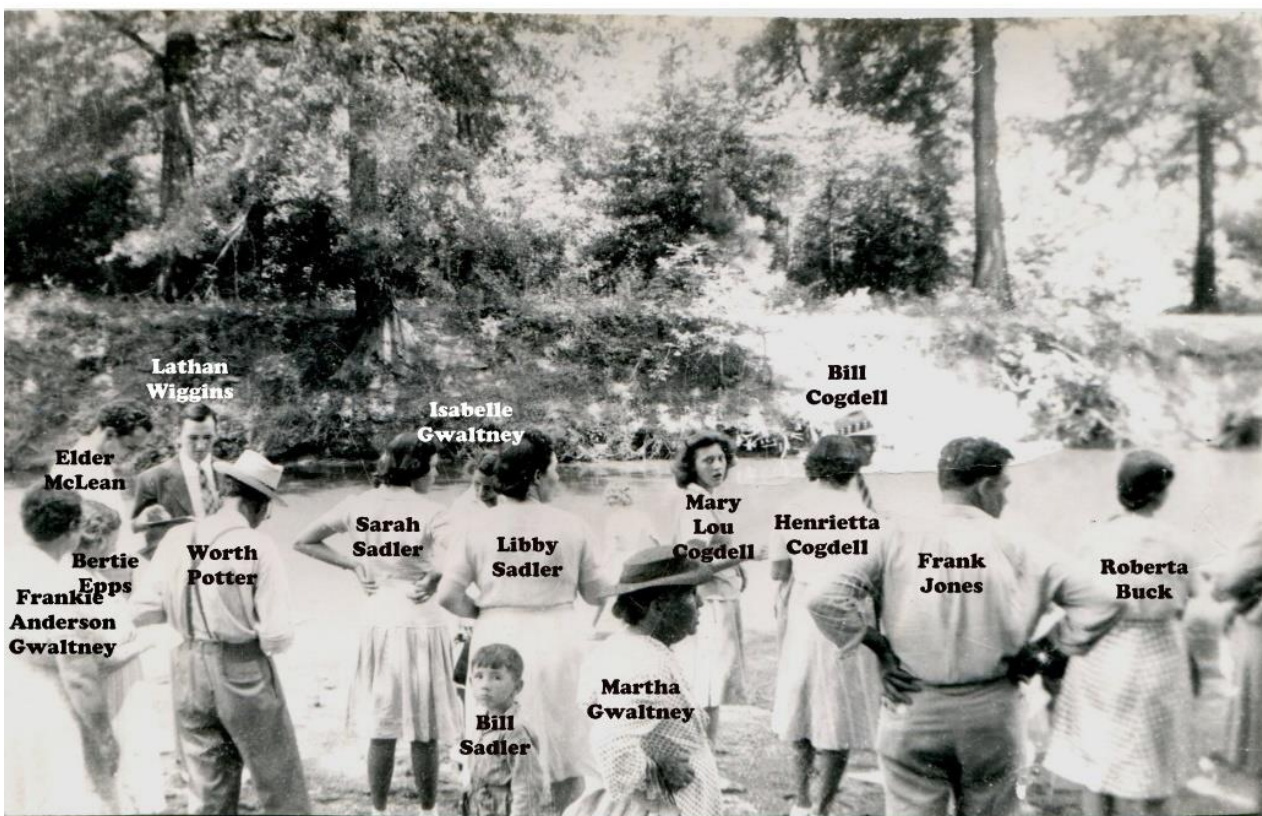
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Fulgham Price (Born 13 Mar 1848, Died 23 Oct 1928)

The dedication and service of the Fulghum family to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is a testimony of the generations. Stephen Henry Price and his wife Elizabeth Fulghum were baptized in 1897 and my grandfather, Samuel B. Fulghum the next year. This is the first generation of the “pioneers” of Wayne County, North Carolina. Most of the family’s activity and social experiences centered around the church, the members and the missionaries. Their example, influence and testimonies have been felt through generations to their posterity through this earthly life and shall go on to the eternities.

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COGDELL's Pond

LDS Baptism at Cogdell's Pond – Goldsboro 1942





**6 July 1942. Baptism of Mrs. Isabelle Chestnutt Gwatney by Elder Gilbert McClain
(wife of Melvin Lee Gwaltney)
Location: Cogdell's Pond, Goldsboro, North Carolina**



Baptism of Isabelle Gwaltney at Cogdell's pond – Goldsboro, NC 1942



Elder McLean with members – Goldsboro 1942

Goldsboro LDS Chapel – Built around 1950

Location: 601 Ash Street.



Goldsboro Chapel -1991

Location: 1000 11th St, Goldsboro, North Carolina



HISTORY of The Goldsboro Branch and Ward – By Mary Spiron

The Goldsboro Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was organized in 1911 with approximately 50 members. A Chapel was built at that time on the Northern edge of town. The first Branch President was S. B. Fulghum and succeeding Branch Presidents have been J. D. King, L. M. Wiggins, W. E. Cogdell, B. H. Stuckey, L. M. Carr, Clifton Stuckey, Worth Potter, Jack Erwin, Hubert D. Aycock, E. G. Carr and Hubert N. Beasley, Sr. The present Branch Presidency consists of Hubert N. Beasley, Sr., President; Glenn Carr, First Counselor; Edward Hudson, Sr., Second Counselor; Lynn Mackey, Branch Clerk; Randall Joyner, Assistant Branch Clerk.

As the membership increased the original building became inadequate. The building was sold and the members met in various halls in Goldsboro until a new building could be completed. This building has an area of 5000 square feet and a seating capacity of 200 in the Chapel; separated by folding doors is a recreation hall with space for an additional 100 seats. It is located at 601 E. Ash Street. This building was dedicated on October 30, 1949 by Elder Ezra Taft Benson, a member of The Quorum Of Twelve Apostles.

At the present time there are 537 members and it has become necessary to have a larger building. Ground Breaking ceremonies were held March 5th¹⁹⁶⁰ under the direction of Elder Hugh B. Brown, of The Quorum Of Twelve Apostles, of Salt Lake City, Utah. The new building will have a floor area of 18,000 square feet. The Chapel will seat approximately 375 people. There will be a connecting lounge and recreation hall with folding doors to give space for an additional 650 seats. This building will be located on Eleventh Street.

The Church has several auxiliary organizations.

The Relief Society is for all the women of the Church. The purpose of the Relief Society is to care for the sick and unfortunate; to raise human life to its highest level; to elevate and enlarge the scope of woman's activities and to foster love for religion, education, culture and refinement. The President is Henrietta

Cogdell; Louise Hudson, First Counselor; Vonnice Brock, Second Counselor and Secretary and Treasurer Agnes Stevens.

The Mutual Improvement Association is for the young people of the Church from 12 to 25 years of age. The purpose of the Mutual Improvement Association is to give the young people spiritual and cultural growth and to give them a desire to practice truth and righteousness. They are given the opportunity to develop their talents in speech, drama, music, dance and sports. Their colors are Gold and Green. Green is for Youth, progress and growth. Gold is for strength, honor and power. President of the Young Mens Mutual Improvement Association is R. L. Sewell; Joe Pool, First Counselor; Elmer Mazingo, Second Counselor; Ray Peedin, Secretary. President of the Young Womens Mutual Improvement Association is Rosa Lee Sewell; Sally Radford, First Counselor; Marie Pool, Second Counselor; Gail Stevens and Ester Percise, Secretaries.

The Primary Association is for the children from 4 years of age through 11. The purpose of the Primary Association is to provide a week day religious program for the children, to direct the leisure and recreational activities and to teach them the right health habits. Their colors are Red, Yellow and Blue. Red is for bravery, courage and fearlessness. Yellow is for service. Blue is for truth, purity and a clean life. The President is Robbie Moye; Frances Harrison, First Counselor; Lillie Jackson, Second Counselor; Lois Carr, Secretary.

The Welfare Program is for the needy. The Welfare program includes all the members of the Church. Each family contributes food, clothing and money. In times of emergency or need they may draw supplies from the store house.

The Church advocates the program of the Boy Scouts of America. The Goldsboro Branch has an active Scout Troop under the direction of Randall Joyner.

Mary E. Spiron
Feb. 24, 1960

After our building was sold we met:

- 1st - Woodman of the World Hall - N. John St.
- 2nd - Seventh Day Adventist Hall over the present Candy Kitchen
- 3rd - The V. F. W. Hall on N. John Street over Norwood Thompson's Grocery Store

The following told to me by Melvin Gwlatney

The old School house that stood next to the Chapel was called the Sandy Plains School. Greenleaf had a post office in Mr. Albert Howells old store. It was the Sandy Plains Post Office.

Aunt Libbie, Royall, Tince and Mama and Aunt Maggie went to school there.

Linsey Mooring lived in the school then Dave Hall then Addie Smith.

Andrew Mooring lived on the corner. ^{Linsey} gave the lot for the chapel. It was located in his peach orchard.

The first families were James Bennett's, Gwaltney, Mooring, Fulghum Stephen Huges, The Minchews (Aunt Annie family) and the Carraway family (Mary Fulghum's)

HISTORY OF THE GOLDSBORO WARD

Wayne County proved fruitful for the missionaries during the period between 1896 and 1900 when approximately 100 people joined the Church.

The first Sunday School to be organized in Wayne County was called the Union Sunday School and was located near Mt. Olive. This Sunday School was organized 8 November 1896 with Manethro Godwin as Superintendent. On 6 June 1897 the Sunday School was re-organized with S. Henry Price as Superintendent and the name was changed to the Mt. Olive Sunday School. It was also referred to as the Price Sunday School and the Fulton Branch. This Sunday School was disorganized in the early 1900's after many of its members migrated west.

In 1897 two additional Sunday Schools were organized in Wayne County. The Eureka Branch and Sunday School had approximately 26 members and was directed by John V. Minshew. This Branch was disorganized in 1900.

The White Hall Sunday School at Seven Springs had about 10 members and was directed by William Casey. This Branch was disorganized by 1900 due to members moving away. However, in 1907 a Meetinghouse was completed in the White Hall area and the Sunday School was re-organized and remain in effect for a period of time.

In 1899 a Branch was organized near Pinkney with M. G. Radford as Presiding Priest and Superintendent. This Branch was known as the Carmel Branch, the Bethel Branch and the Meadows Meeting House. It had approximately 62 members. This Sunday School was disorganized around 1903 after many of its members migrated west.

The North Carolina District Headquarters was in the home of Betty Jane Ballance Aycock, in the Meadow Meeting House area, during the time that Ben E. Rich was Mission President of the Southern States Mission.

The Nahunta Sunday School was organized 30 October 1932. The meetings were held in the homes of the members. A tract of land was donated by Herman B. Aycock 13 October 1941 and a Meetinghouse was constructed with a large portion of the timber and labor being donated by the members. The Nahunta Meetinghouse was dedicated by President George Albert Smith on 26 October 1942 and the Nahunta Branch was organized on that day with Herman B. Aycock as Branch President.

In 1954 the members of the Nahunta Branch started attending Sacrament Meeting and MIA in Goldsboro. The Sunday School, Relief Society and Primary continued at Nahunta until 1957 when the Nahunta Branch was disorganized.

The Nahunta Meetinghouse was purchased 17 November 1958 by the Nahunta Grange for a Community Center and is being used for that purpose at this time.

The first person to enter the mission field from the Wayne County area was Herman B. Aycock. He was set apart 26 November 1910 at a Conference in Kinston. He left on his mission 6 December 1910 and was released 23 December 1912.

Nahunta Branch Presidents in order of service: Herman B. Aycock - Hyrum R. Maples.

The missionaries began holding Cottage Meetings in the Dobbersville and Grantham area around 1924. A Sunday School was organized in the Grantham community in 1938 with the meetings being held in the homes of the members. The home of Sister Little Stevens was the main meeting place. On 15 June 1943 a tract of land with an old church building was donated by Larry L. Brock. The building was torn down and the lumber was used in the construction of the Grantham Meetinghouse. The Grantham Branch with approximately 60 members was organized in September 1943 with Larry L. Brock as Branch President. The Grantham Meetinghouse was dedicated that same year by Elder Ezra Taft Benson.

believed that the Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1874. Where they worshipped prior to that date is not known. It was possibly in the home of some charter member.

The members wanted land for a cemetery. Mrs. Coleen Taylor said that the land was purchased from Walton Aycock for the cemetery.

The Reverend Joseph Braswell of Rocky Mount is the present pastor and Bonnie Johnson, Jr. of Fremont is chairman of the deacons.

Worship service is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. for around 75 members. Sunday School is every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and prayer meeting is held every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. On fifth Sunday the youth choir has charge of the 11:00 a.m. service. Their program includes the use of drums and guitar, in addition to the piano and organ. The Home Missions Program is Tuesday after the third Sunday of each month. The senior choir performs at all other regular morning services.

Union Grove Missionary Baptist's roots have grown deep. Offers to purchase the property and relocate the Church have not been accepted.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (MORMON)

Due to increased missionary work in the Nahunta area from 1880 to 1900, quite a number of people were baptized in the Mormon faith here and in the western edge of Johnston County.

For several years they met for Sunday School at Radford's Crossroads in what was then known as the old Meadow Meeting House. The majority of this group soon moved west to Idaho and to Utah.

On October 30, 1932, a home Sunday School was organized and met in the home of Herman B. Aycock. The meeting place was changed to the home of Bertha A. Maples at the end of 1935 and changed from one home to another until 1942. In the fall of 1942, a chapel was completed on land



Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met first in homes. Children: L-R David Harper, Elua Harper, Lettie Harper, Junior Harper; 1st row - Marthe Scott, Nancy Mooring, Beatrice Harper, Hilda Aycock, Nannie Outland, Ollie Maples Jones, Adrain Harper; 2nd - Row Delma Aycock Costin, Vivian Harper Pope, Martha Maples Smith, Bill Edwards, Afton Harper; 3rd Row - Fred Harper, Hyrum Maples, Denzel Aycock, Henry Maples, Denver King, Murray Sullivan, Nathan Wiggins, Herman Aycock ; 4th Row - Wilma Mooring Swannebel, Dorothy Maples, Wilma Harper Hirschmann, Dimple Aycock Mellor, Neva Harper Smith, Shirley Maples Olson, Ruby Maples Hawes, Lavina Harper

donated by Herman A. Aycock. It was located on State Road 1336 about a half mile west of Highway 581. Aycock and his sisters gave timber and members donated labor.

The Nahunta Branch was dissolved in September, 1954, and from that date all members

in Nahunta as well as those from Grantham have met in Goldsboro on Ash Street and later on 11th Street.



Nahunta Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day Saints

N a h u n t a Grange bought the building and land both of which were used for community activities. Boy scout troops met there and it was used briefly for a summer youth recreation program, a community

youth club, and karate lessons. Tennis courts were built and picnic tables were added.

Little League softball teams have games there. In 1988 the Swim Club bought the land with the stipulation that the building be torn down since it was no longer used. Thus more space would be available for an athletic field and for parking.

The Mormons have always placed much emphasis on strong family life. They stress having a Family Home Evening on Monday evenings. Youth groups have always been active. The Church took part in the Wayne County Sunday School Association for several years. The Maples, Harper and Aycock families have formed the nucleus for the Mormon faith at Nahunta and several have been on Church missions. These have been: Herman B. Aycock, Denzel Aycock, Delma Aycock, Hyrum Maples, Ruby Maples, Martha Maples, Fred Harper, Vivian Harper, and Wilma Harper. Raymond and Lucille Aycock, Ollie Jones and Hyrum Maples have worked at the Mormon Temple in Washington, DC.



1942 - Nahunta LDS Chapel Being Constructed

In 1954 the members of the Grantham Branch started attending Sacrament Meeting and MIA in Goldsboro. The Sunday School, Relief Society and Primary continued at Grantham until 1957 when the Grantham Branch was disorganized.

The Grantham Meetinghouse was sold to Larry L. Brock and was used for a while by the Church of God of Prophecy but is vacant at the present time.

Grantham Branch Presidents in order of service: Larry L. Brock - William C. Brock.

The missionaries began visiting in the homes around Goldsboro in 1900. The Elders first held Sunday School in a rented storehouse. Later the members held meetings in their homes. On 5 May 1910 a Sunday School was organized in Goldsboro with S. Birchard Fulghum as Superintendent. On 14 July 1911 Andrew D. Mooring donated a tract of land in his peach orchard. A Meetinghouse was constructed that same year with the help of the members from Mt. Olive and Nahunta. The building was located on the northern edge of Goldsboro, now known as Frank Street.

In 1911, 1914, 1916 and periodically thereafter Goldsboro was the site of State wide conferences. These conferences were presided over by Mission Presidents Ben E. Rich and Charles A. Callis.

The highlight of those years were the early Mission Conferences. This was a two day session on Saturday and Sunday. Most of Saturday was taken up with the Elders meeting. These conferences were highly spiritual and well attended with approximately 500 people attending from all over the state.

Sister Bertie Epps related that on one occasion the members had rented a hall in Goldsboro in which to hold a conference. Feelings were running high against the Church and on Saturday morning the members were informed by the owner that they would not be able to use the building because the townspeople had warned him that if the Mormons used his building, they would not

patronize his business. The members had to get out and collect material in which to build a pavilion in the yard of Andrew D. Mooring. An open air conference was held under the trees.

During those early years, S. Henry Price was an avid leader in the Goldsboro Branch. He was the Presiding Elder of this area and was revered by the members in this locality. Brother Price was well known for his gift of healing and his ability to preach.

The Meetinghouse on Frank Street (off N. William Street) became inadequate and a lot was purchased on Ash Street 16 August 1937 at a cost of \$1,000.00 and the members began a 12 year fund raising campaign.

On 27 May 1943 the Frank Street Meetinghouse was sold to the First Baptist Church.

After the Meetinghouse was sold, the members of the Goldsboro Branch began meeting for Sacrament Meeting, Sunday School and MIA in various halls in Goldsboro. The Primary and Relief Society meetings were held in the homes of the members.

The halls used for meetings were: Woodman of the World - Seventh Day Adventist - V. F. W. - and the Community Center at Seymour Johnson Homes.

A Meetinghouse was constructed at a cost of \$63,000.00 and was located at 601 E. Ash Street. The building had an area of 5000 sq. ft. and a seating capacity of 120 in the Chapel and an overflow of approximately 300. The building was completed in 1948 and was dedicated 30 October 1949 by Elder Ezra Taft Benson. The Branch President at that time was Livius M. Carr and the membership was 450.

The Goldsboro Branch, Grantham Branch and Nahunta Branch had each been operating independently but due to the fact that neither Branch had sufficient members to carry out the full program of the Church, it became necessary

to combine the three Branches into the Goldsboro Branch. The consolidation was effected in 1957 with E. Glenn Carr as Branch President.

The Goldsboro Branch continued to grow and the Meetinghouse soon became inadequate. A lot was purchased on Royall Avenue 23 June 1958 at a cost of \$10,000.00. However, this location became undesirable and the property was sold 5 June 1959.

On 23 March 1959 a lot was purchased on Eleventh Street at a cost of \$15,000.00 and on 5 March 1960 ground breaking ceremonies were held with Elder Hugh B. Brown presiding. The building was completed at a cost of \$302,000.00. It had an area of 17,000 sq. ft. and a seating capacity of 300 in the Chapel and an overflow of approximately 900. The first meeting was held 27 August 1961 with Elder LeGrand Richards presiding. The membership at that time was 900 and E. Glenn Carr was Branch President.

The Meetinghouse was dedicated by Elder James A. Cullimore 22 May 1966.

The property on Ash Street was purchased 19 December 1961 by Shumate Funeral Home.

The Office of District President was held by the traveling Elders until 1942. The first local District President for this area (North Carolina East District) was Lathan A. Wiggins.

After Brother Wiggins was released, Elbert A. Aycock was District President for approximately 14 years and expedited an expansion program that culminated 27 August 1961 when the North Carolina Stake was organized with Cecil E. Reese as Stake President. The Goldsboro Ward was organized at this time with E. Glenn Carr as Bishop and the Goldsboro Meetinghouse became the Stake Center.

On 3 March 1963 the Goldsboro Ward was divided with E. Earl Brock as

Bishop of the Goldsboro First Ward and Lynn Mackey as Bishop of the Goldsboro Second Ward.

Due to transient membership of the Goldsboro Second Ward, the two Wards were reunited into the Goldsboro Ward on 5 March 1967 with Henry P. Cogdell as Bishop.

On 10 September 1978 the Goldsboro Ward was again divided with E. Earl Moye as Bishop of the Goldsboro First Ward and William R. Johnson as Bishop of the Goldsboro Second Ward.

In the summer of 1978 a \$250,000.00 remodeling project began. The project was completed in April of 1979.

On 30 August 1980 an adjoining lot, to be utilized as a parking area, was purchased at a cost of \$30,000.00.

Goldsboro Branch Presidents in order of service: S. Birchard Fulghum - J. Denver King - Lathan A. Wiggins - W. Edgar Cogdell - Byron H. Stuckey - Livius M. Carr - W. Clifton Stuckey - Worth Potter - Floyd D. Erwin - Hubert D. Aycock - E. Glenn Carr - Hubert N. Beasley, Sr. - E. Glenn Carr.

Goldsboro Ward Bishops in order of service: E. Glenn Carr - Henry P. Cogdell - E. Glenn Carr - Steven L. Orton - Charles L. Mooring - W. Ray Carr.

Goldsboro First Ward Bishops in order of service: E. Earl Brock - E. Earl Moye.

Goldsboro Second Ward Bishops in order of service: Lynn Mackey - William R. Johnson.

From Denzel Aycock 15 Feb 1948

The missionaries started coming-through around 1894 and about that time they started a Sunday School at the Meadows Meeting House at what was known as the Meadows Crossroads. The North Carolina District Headquarters was @ this place until 1903 when the S.S. was discontinued. The families involved were Radfords, Sullivans, Stuskeys & Aycocks

Aunt Beatrice Aunt Beatrice Harper said that her father brought a Book of Mormon from the missionaries (Elders) around 1894 but that his eye sight soon after went bad and he was not able to read much. She remembers going to the S.S. @ the "Meadows" Meeting House and later to Goldsboro

(the office)
History of Betty's home was headquarters for the North Carolina District @ the time Ben. E. Rich was Mission Pres. for the Southern States Mission. It was here that she and her children met with many of the missionaries as they would come and go. Because she opened her home to the missionaries, she was criticized by some of the people of the community, & some of the school board members questioned the suitability of her home for the school teachers who were boarding there. A good friend on the board refused to let them withdraw her house from the recommended list.

When J. Denver King was Branch Pres. the area covered
Wayne, Duplin & part of Green Co.

Branch Presidents

S. Richard Gulghams 1st S.S. Supt & 1st Branch Pres.

J. Denver King 1933 - 1941 or 1934 - 1942

Latham A. Wiggins

W. Edgar Cogdell Bldg on Ash St started

Byron B. Stuckey abt 1948

Louis M. Carr 1949 (Bldg on Ash St finished)

W. Clifton Stuckey

Worth Patten 1951

1955 Floyd D. Erwin

Aug 1959 Hubert D. Aycock

1958-7-26-59 Hubert N. Beasley, Sr

Ruby Baptized
Aug 1959 Hubert D. Aycock

Jan 1960 - Mar 1960 Hubert N. Beasley, Sr.

60-61 E. Glenn Carr

Bishops

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62 - 19 66 E. Glenn Carr

E. Earl Brock: ÷ Lynn Mackey

66-67 Henry Paul Cogdell Released Oct 68

E. Glenn Carr

Steven L. Dorton

Charles U. Mooring

Wm. Ray Carr Oct 1974 Sept 1978

Ward divided 9-10-78

1st Ward E. Earl Mays

2nd Ward Wm R. Johnson

On May 5, 1910, Conference President Criddle and Elder Eugene E. Branch organized a Sunday School at Goldsboro with Samuel B. Fulgham, superintendent, and Thos. Potter and Andrew D. Mooring, assistants. The Sunday School prospered and by the end of the year the members had commenced work on a church building, in which they began meeting on February 4, 1911. Hewey Maples replaced Brother Fulgham as Sunday School superintendent in July, 1911; however, Brother Fulgham was reinstalled in November, 1912. At a branch conference held on January 20th and 21st, 1917, Fonzy Epps became superintendent with J. L. Gwaltney and J. Mooring as assistants.

In 1911, 1914, 1916, 1918, and periodically thereafter, Goldsboro was the site of statewide conferences, which drew large crowds of 500 persons or more. These conferences were presided over by Mission President Charles A. Callis for many years until the division of the mission in 1929. On October 30, 1948, Ezra Taft Benson dedicated a new chapel at Goldsboro. This chapel was later sold and a much larger building constructed, which served as a stake center for the North Carolina Stake for many years. In 1972 Edward G. Carr was bishop of the Goldsboro Ward.

LEE COUNTY. Among the first branches to enjoy a church owned building in which to meet was the Colon Branch in Lee County. Elders L. N. Stohl, William Morgan, R. W. King, and H. C. Carlisle organized the eighteen member branch and Sunday School on December 20, 1896, with Duncan R. Wicker, superintendent and presiding priest and Helen F. Wicker, secretary and treasurer. The chapel was dedicated on September 30, 1897, by President Robinson and Elder Stahle. The branch was apparently disorganized by 1900 after emigration of Brother Wicker.

CHATHAM COUNTY. Chatham County, of which Lee County was a part until 1907, had been assigned missionaries as early as September, 1892, when President Folkman and Elder Willis Johnson received this calling. About 1899 the Maple Grove Branch and Sunday School had been formed with Isham Rosser as presiding priest and superintendent. This branch, too, was apparently disorganized by 1900 due to the emigration of the president.

MOORE COUNTY. Three days following the dedication of the Colon church building one was dedicated at Cameron, Moore County, on October 3, 1897, by President Robinson and Elder Stahle. Sunday School had been organized at Cameron on June 9, 1897, by Elders H. W. Stahle and Jos. A. Williams

with Lewis D. Guy as superintendent. W. H. Maples was sustained as Elder. The branch had forty members by July 5, 1907, Elders Mugler and Guy. "Little Meeting House looks like a church" with members except the Guy family.

Missionaries may have been assigned in September, 1892, when Elder Stanly and Moore were assigned to Stanly and Moore. Moore labored there in 1892, 1894, and 1895. His greatest success came in 1895 when he baptized and seven children born. Those moving from this area were given the name of Maples. For example, the Maples family moved from Fayetteville and later to Durham. The Church in those areas. In Moore County by March 18, 1897, Moore became president of the Jackson Branch.

PERSON COUNTY. In Person County missionaries had labored as early as 1892, when organized at Woodsdale on June 13, 1897, by Dameron. John T. Brooks, superintendent, replaced by T. G. Smithey. The branch was discontinued by 1900; however, the missionaries continued to conduct meetings there from time to time. branch conferences were held from time to time. the missionaries. In December, 1900, and B. F. Merrill appointed B. F. Merrill as Sunday School superintendent. This branch was discontinued in August, 1925, by President A. Although there has been little activity in Roxboro has been sustained for many years. In 1952 Grady W. Genzler, a position he has held since 1952 through 1959 when Roxboro moved to the Branch.

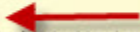
GRANVILLE COUNTY. On June 13, 1897, a branch was organized at Sunset by Elders Broadbent with John B. Dunca as superintendent. There were twenty members; however, the branch was discontinued. Although some faithful members remained, there is no mention of any further activity.

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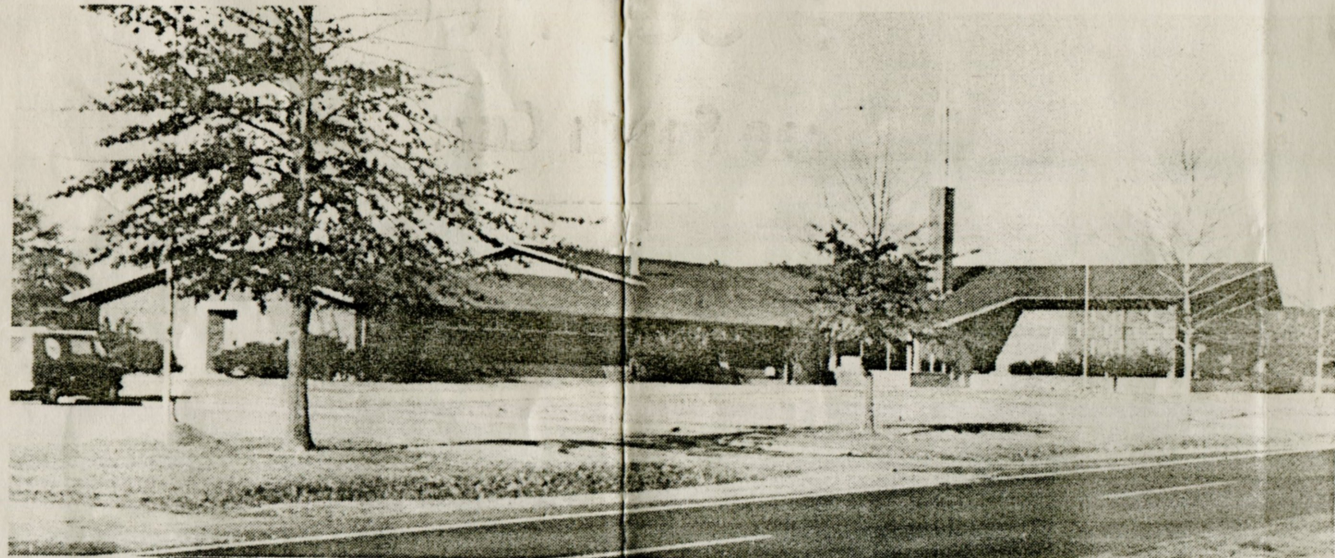


Mormons Begin Big Remodeling Project Here

Growth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) in Goldsboro this past year is evidenced by the division of the Ward and the commencement of a \$250,000 remodeling project to the chapel on E. Eleventh St.

In early September, the Goldsboro Ward was divided into the Goldsboro First and Goldsboro Second Wards as a result of rapid growth of membership in the past few years. Elbert Earl Moye, owner of Moye Electric Service, was named Bishop of the First Ward and William R. Johnson, superintendent of Goldsboro City Schools, was named Bishop of the Second Ward. There is no paid ministry in the Mormon Church.

Concurrently, a \$250,000 remodeling project was begun on the 18-year-old structure in order to enhance the beauty



REMODELING IN PROGRESS — The \$250,000 remodeling project of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) in Goldsboro is expected to be completed in March.

The present location on Eleventh St. has 18,000 square feet and a chapel seating capacity of 375.

and modernize facilities. After completion of the remodeling project, which is expected in

March, an additional wing consisting of classrooms and offices will be constructed.

The building presently has 18,000 square feet and a chapel seating capacity of 375.

This year's progress highlights more than 80 years of growth of the church in

Wayne County and the surrounding area. Missionary efforts began in 1836, and by 1900 about 100 people had joined the church. The first Sunday School was organized Nov. 8, 1896, in Mount Olive. In 1911, the Goldsboro Branch of the church was organized with approximately 50 members and a chapel was built at the northern edge of town.

As membership increased and the original building became inadequate, it was sold. Members then met in various halls in Goldsboro, first of the Woodman of the World Hall, then Seventh Day Adventist Hall and later the VFW Hall, until a new building could be completed.

This building, located at 601 E. Ash St., had 5,000 square feet and a seating capacity of 200 in the chapel. It was dedicated on Oct. 30, 1949 by Elder Ezra Taft Benson, a member of the church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and later a member of President Eisenhower's cabinet. As membership continued to increase, the larger building on Eleventh St. was constructed.

Over the years, the Goldsboro church has sent 25 young men and women throughout the world to teach the gospel, beginning in 1910 with Herman B. Aycock. These missionaries, most of them 19 to 20 years old, earn their own money to finance the two-year missions.

Currently, the Goldsboro Ward has three missionaries in the field: Breen Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby B.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Broadhead, in Italy.

Since the first Mormon missionaries arrived in the Goldsboro area in 1896, hundreds of missionaries have been assigned to teach the people in Goldsboro about the church.

Currently, four missionaries are assigned to work in the area. They are Elder Flora and Elder McHenry who can be reached by calling 734-2492 before 9:30 a.m. or after 9:30 p.m. and Elder Sontag and Elder Stromness, 731-2296.

Worldwide, the church is also experiencing rapid growth with membership now at 4.2 million in 54 countries. The church has more than 25,000 unpaid full-time missionaries preaching in 47 countries.

Established April 6, 1830 in Fayette, N. Y., the Mormon Church underwent bitter persecution in its early days. This culminated in the martyrdom of its Prophet Joseph Smith in 1844 and the exodus West of the Saints under the direction of Brigham Young.

The name "Mormon" was given to the church because, in addition to the Bible, members also believe the Book of Mormon to be the Lord's Holy Scriptures to the Western Hemisphere.

The book contains a religious history of the first colonizers in the Americas and how God led them here from the Holy Land about 600 B. C. Members believe these ancient Americans are the "other sheep" Christ spoke of in John 10:16.

Mormons believe Jesus

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They also believe in eternal marriage, modern day revelation, and adhere to a strict moral and health code. Members abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, tea and coffee.

This health code also emphasizes physical fitness. The Goldsboro chapel, like other Mormon chapels, has a recreation hall with a full-size basketball court.

The inter-church sports program includes basketball, softball and volleyball for males and females of all ages. These teams compete against other church teams in Kinston, Greenville, Albertson, Howards Chapel and Mount Olive.

A great emphasis is also placed on the family. One night each week is set aside as Family Home Evening in which the whole family gathers for an evening of recreation, religious training or family discussions.

The church has auxiliary organizations for men, women, young adults and children.

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Madison Avenue Marks 25th Year

Madison Avenue Baptist Church began 1979 by celebrating its 25th anniversary.

The church met in the auditorium of Walnut Street School from January, 1954, until March, 1957.

On March 10, 1957, the first services were held in the Crawford Memorial Education Building situate on the block of land bounded by Madison Ave., Pine, Laurel and Best streets. This building is named in honor of John R. and Clyde D. Crawford whose

under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro. The organization of the new church was an outgrowth of the work of the Junior Adult Department in the First Baptist Church under Mrs. Bruce (Helen) Boyers, director of the department.

The concept of the "new church" was enthusiastically endorsed by the congregation of the First Baptist Church, by the Neuse Baptist Association and by the Baptist State Convention.

The church began its

approximately 900.

The church held services in the fellowship hall of the Crawford Memorial Education Building from March 1957, until the new church sanctuary was completed and occupied in Jan. 1972.

Madison Avenue Baptist Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and has sponsored Rosaland Harrell as a missionary to Kenya for a number of years.

missionaries from Madison Avenue Baptist Church to Ogbomoso, Nigeria, for a two-week volunteer mission effort.

This was done under the sponsorship of the Laymen for Overseas Missions of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Madison Avenue Baptist Church celebrated its 25th anniversary during January, 1979.

Activities were carried on throughout the month with the

at night services.

Former pastors included Rev. Roy Beals, Rev. Thomas Caulkins and Rev. Earl D. Farthing.

A history of Madison Avenue Baptist Church, 1954-1979, is being published under the direction of I. K. Williamson.

Tommy Hall is the director of the youth and education ministry of the church. Autry Lewis has joined the church as minister of music and Peggy Bartlett is the church's

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The Mormon Church in North Carolina

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These facts, along with much additional information, was submitted to us last week by three young men who are missionaries of the Mormon Church and are now at work in this state. Believing that our readers would be interested in knowing what the Mormons have been doing in North Carolina during the last thirty years, we asked them to prepare an article for us on the subject. It is being published here with exactly as they wrote it.

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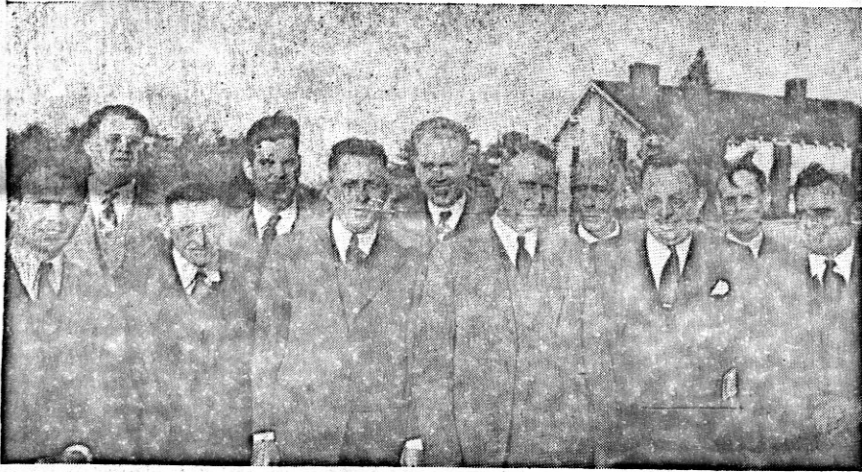
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The Utah Centennial Quartette, now singing in North Carolina. Left to right; Elder Lendon Barney, Elder Wayne F. Pearson, Elder LaVon Fife and Elder Serge Huff.



North Carolina West District Council. Front row—Eugene Gullledge, W. S. Stanback, Chancy Bennett, William LaMar Webb and J. Sidney Tolson. Second row—Richmond P. Meyer, Ernest Stevens, Kenneth L. Duke, James Smith and Ephraim Hiatt. Not included in the photo are Councilmen L. A. Hiatt and Herman Von Cannon.

poor in times of emergency, the motto of the Relief Society being, "Charity Never Faileth."

During the past year over 27 quilts and many other articles of food and clothing were given to local and overseas needy. Not only these but other service projects are undertaken, such as caring for the sick; in time of emergency actually going into the needy homes and taking over the family responsibilities until such time as the family can again manage for itself. These organizations are directed by and for the women of the church, to give them better knowledge of their responsibilities and duties as mothers and home-makers, as well as a means of service to their community and friends.

The west district Relief Society president is Mrs. Vena W. Draughon. As her two counselors she has Ruth S. Gullledge and Lake G. Snow. In the east district Mrs. Bertie Enns is the president, with Miss Margaret Hardy and Mrs. Earl Davis as her counselors.

Youth Organization

The youth organization of the church, the Mutual Improvement Association, is also an organization for self and social improvement. The various groups meet weekly in the branch organizations and have doctrinal lessons teaching them the better ways of life and how best to live in order to gain true happiness and success. Along with a weekly lesson there is a recreation or activity program, where current subjects of the day are discussed, or a group study of one of the great composers or au-

thors is taken up, or any one of numerous subjects that will create an appreciation for some of the finer things in this life. The M. I. A. also provides recreational programs on a district-wide basis such as the annual "Gold and Green Ball" held in Greensboro this year at which over 300 young people were in attendance.

The atmosphere of any religious meeting is enhanced and heightened by music. To fill this requirement in the west district there is a choir whose forty members travel an average of thirty miles every second Sunday to meet in Burlington. The great distance traveled and faithfulness of this group is an indication of the enjoyment they

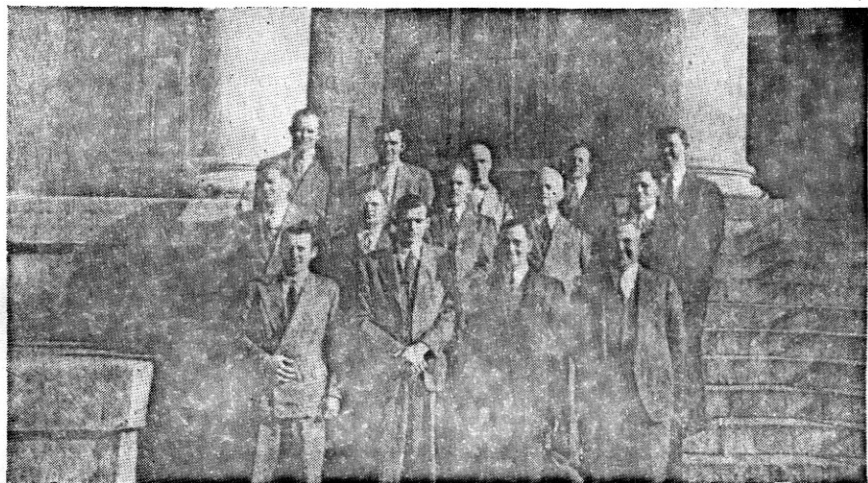
receive from this activity, for as with every other organization and leader of the church in the state, they receive no money or compensation for their efforts, joy and satisfaction are their reward!

A Missionary Quartette

In commemoration of the four North Carolinians who were members of the original band of Mormon Pioneers who entered the Salt Lake Valley 100 years ago, July 24, 1847, there is a full-time missionary quartette traveling throughout the state. They render a selection of folk and religious songs to schools, business and social organizations, as well as singing to their own and other church meetings. At the present time they have completed their tour of the western part of the state, having appeared before over 50,000 people; in addition to offering over forty radio broadcasts. Their tour will continue in January to include the eastern part of the state, starting in Raleigh January 4. Known as the Utah Centennial Quartette it is composed of four young missionaries, who are part of over 4,000 throughout the world, who spend their full time at their own expense doing missionary work. There are forty missionaries now laboring in North Carolina.

In 1898 the first missionaries from the "Mormon" Church set foot on the little strip of land called Harker's Island on the North Carolina east coast. They had been attracted by its quaint

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North Carolina East District Council. Front row—Jack H. Gardner, F. M. Henderson, L. A. Wiggins, R. D. Harper, Sr. Second row—E. A. Aycock, Hyrum R. Maples, H. Crammer Henderson, H. L. Sanders, Harry Potter. Back row—B. M. Potter, Therman A. Phillips, Worth Potter, Herman B. Aycock, H. L. Sholar.

TWO LONG CHASES

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foxes better than greys. Reds are gamier, more enduring, and give better sport. And this was a red.

Certainly in all those hours the fox must have had chances to hole up and escape. If intuition told him Little Danger was old and past hunting age, if he was tantalizing the old fellow, he picked his victim with poor judgment. By now Little Danger would have a taste of hot fur or die trying for it.

At daybreak the old hound had not returned to the farmhouse.

It was afternoon before he was located, five miles away at another farmer's house. This farmer said the chase had gone on all morning in a broad river bottom below his house. Just before noon he heard the fox squeal, and knew the run was ended. Fox and hound were

found lying side by side. The red was dead: Little Danger could live a day or two at most.

For fifteen hours the gallant old fellow had kept the trail. Some authorities give 15 miles an hour as the cruising speed of a running foxhound. Whether Little Danger ran more or less than the 225 miles that would make will never be known. Runs of 75 and 100 miles are not rare. But not a pad and not a nail on a single toe survived Little Danger's ordeal. A feeble wag of his tail was the only motion he could muster afterwards.

Mr. Terry Moore, one of the proprietors of Golden Valley Kennels, made a hurried trip to Watauga from his home near Marion. But Little Danger lived only one day, after being tenderly brought home, to enjoy the glory of his last and greatest run.

not until 1936 that differences were settled and prejudices broken down. Another chapel was soon erected on the island; a tribute to the faith and devotion of the Saints.

The church has grown and become known throughout the state since its humble beginning thirty years ago, and with its past record of achievement and development for both individuals and communities there is a great promise for its future in North Carolina. It is a church of humble, human people with a way of life that makes leaders out of men and real men out of leaders.

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THE MORMON CHURCH

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atmosphere and crossed the sound by boat to visit its inhabitants. They left their message with the few fishing people there, some of whom received it and were baptized into the church. Shortly afterward the population of the island grew and someone with jealous eyes and misunderstanding started rumors among the islanders against the members there who had erected a church and were a thriving and happy people. The rumors grew and spread like a dreaded disease until the tension grew so great and the feeling so bitter that one clear night in January 1908 a mob covered the little church with oil and set fire to it. The hard work of the little group was left in smoldering ashes in the morning. Their hearts were broken, but their determination was not. Missionaries, due to the animosity of some of the population, were called off the island and for many years the little band of members carried on alone. It was

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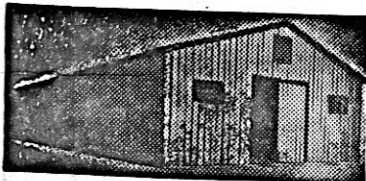
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Chloe Hodge - at Nahunta,
about 5 miles north of Goldsboro, North Carolina

Sept. 25, 1992

Dear Mary,

What a most-pleasant surprise it was to hear your voice again on the phone a few days ago,,,,,it still sounds like I remember you from so many years ago.

Since that time, so-o-o many memories have flashed back across the years, happy memories, I might add,,, of the many, many kindnesses, and most generous "southern-hospitality" to those of us who humbly served as Missionaries in your area. Your Mom, Bertie was a most gracious hostess.....providing us with many delicious meals, as well as lodgings, etc., etc.,....

If my memory serves me correctly, I first met you in the Hospital where you had just had an appendix operation,,,,correct????? I had just been transferred to North Carolina East, and been assigned as your District President at the time under the direction of Pres. James P. Jensen, Mission President, in Louisville, Kentucky. Your older Sister was a little closer to our age, Christine,,,and she was a jewel, too. She was a good friend of Sister Chloe Hodge, in Raleigh, who we later came to know and appreciate, for the many things she did to help us from time to time.

As I went back through my missionary-journal, and photo album, I ran across a lot of entries, and pictures, some of which I've had copies made and am enclosing. It's fun to "relive" such pleasant, happy times,,,,,with such wonderful people.

Before I refer to just a few of the high-lights of those memories, I'll give you a quick up-date, briefly of my activities since that time. I went back to the University of Utah, here in Salt Lake City, (Engineering School) but World War II soon ended that, I was drafted, and eventually ended up in the middle of the War in Belgium and Germany. That's another long story I won't go into now. Finally I came home, thru Marseille, France, on a big liner with 11,000 aboard.

I, too, married and went to work here,,,,,,always active in some sort of Church assignment,,starting as Ward Clerk, Counselor in Bishopric, the Bishop, then High-Councilor,,,with few breaks between as Scoutmaster, (when our own Sons were then up to that age)-----we had 3 girls first, then 6 boys. They are all Eagle Scouts, 6 of them have been on Missions for the Church plus 1-girl who served in New Zealand,,,,,and the oldest girl was with the Peace Corps in North Africa for awhile. At the moment, they're all away,,,,,just Maurine & I alone in this big house. But they're in and out with their families, and we thoroughly enjoy having them come home whenever they can,,,we have plenty of room to spare now. I'm still the handy-man for the Ward & Stake,,,whatever the needs are, mechanically, in any of our buildings or stake recreation center. The 2nd Daughter, who still lives nearby, is currently our Stake Relief-Society President, and is International Purchasing Agent for the Church,,,,,she's often making business calls to the south Pacific islands, Japan, etc, while she's visiting with us late in the evening (daytime over there, while night here).

So much for that-----according to my journal, on Tues. Nov. 18th, '41 I met Christine Epps, at the Post Office while picking up district mail,,,she said that you were now recovering nicely from the appendix operation,,,we went to Chloe Hodges,,,,.

On Dec. 20th, Hyrum Maples, and Elder Galloway (former Dist. Pres. So. Carolina) asked if I would get permission to perform Marriage for Jasper L. Jones and Ollie Jane Maples,,,,,which I did,,,on Sun. Dec. 21, 1941,,,my 1st Marriage. Followed by a fine dinner at the ~~Maples~~ Aycock's. Later, back in Goldsboro, after Church we went over to the Epps, to figure out something for Mutual program,,,and ate fruitcake and had good, cold, buttermilk.....

On Wed. Dec. 24th, 1941,,,,at Epps,,,,played Chinese-Checkers (for pennies)

Thurs. Dec 25, 1941,,,,Christmas Day -----didn't get up till about 8:30, then after taking care of District reports,,,about 11:30 a.m.. drove out to Epps and soon had a "luscious" dinner.....in the evening went out to Saddlers and had another big supper..... Dec. 30th,,,w/J. Denver King,,,then to Raleigh, w/ Chloe Hodge, Jimmy Arrington, KD & Christine Spencer.

Jan. 6, 1942, w/ Cartledge's @ Tarboro.....15th, Administered to Christine and Mary Epps Grandfather. 16th, w/Herman Aycock making plans for the Nahunta Chapel. 21st, w/Worth Potter and J.R. Bass.

Feb. 11th, 1942, up at 5:00 a.m.---heavy rain---took Sis. Epps & Christine to work. 12th, w/Maples & Aycocks,,,,,w/Denzel... 15th, w/Wm. Brock. 17th, w/Irma & Ed Henderson & Ianier's @ Chiquapin.

Mar. 12th,,,,Algebra, w/Christine Epps..... 31st, Squaring up walls and digging out basement area for the Nahunta Chapel (w/4-teams of mules w/scoop buckets-----stayed w/ the Maples)

Apr. 6th, w/Wilson's,,,Missionary district meeting. 15-18th, forming and pouring concrete for basement at Nahunta. 30th & May 1st, poured the basement floor @ Nahunta. Sun. May 3rd,,,dinner at the Epps. Sun. May 10th, took the L.M's (Sis. Gardner and Tucker) in to the Goldsboro Sun. School for a fine Mothers Day Program, then dinner at the Epps, then down to the Albertson Chapel for the last session of their conference,,,,,then back to Goldsboro and out to Frankie Gwaltney's and spent the night.....

May 28th, 1942, spent the afternoon helping put shingles on one side of the Nahunta Chapel.

Sun. Sept. 20th,,,,@ Church, gave a short talk along with Iathan Wiggins & Worth Potter.

Oct. 4th,,, S.S. @ Nahunta....Goldsboro Sac. Mtg. w/J.D. King, & Elders Pollock and Webb.....Stayed at Saddlers.

Oct. 5th, At Howards Chapel & Jim Strouds, Bro. Byrd, R.D. Harper, Finnie Davis. 6th, At Jacksonville & Wilmington & Hampstead, thenarkers Island.

Oct. 26th, Missionary meeting @ Nahunta Chapel 10:00 a.m.,,,, Pres. Jensen and his wife, along with Apostle George Albert Smith arrived for the 2:00 p.m. Session at which Apostle Smith offered the Dedictory prayer for the Nahunta Chapel.

Sun. Nov. 29th, 1942.....from Howards Chapel, drove back to Goldsboro for Services-----gave them a "Farewell Sermon"-----stayed at Epps.

Mon. Nov. 30th-----told everyone "So-long" ----not "Goodbye" and headed West-----towards SIC, Ut., w/stopover in Ky., Central City, etc., where the similar great friends and members greeted us.

Enough of a brief review.....The Epps were mentioned on almost every page as I went thru.....you're all the greatest.....I love and appreciate you'all more than you'll ever know.....One of my favorite sayings includes this thought,,,,,"you have to live your life forward,,,,,but you only understand it backwards".....this letter is looking backwards 50 years now,,,,,yes, I've mellowed in years and experience,,,,,but you and yours are still some of the absolute "GREATEST",,,,,,

Thanks again for being part of my memories,

P.S. Some of the other Baptisms I remember in N.C., included Mary Isabelle Gwaltney & Needham Eugene Jones (Goldsboro), Alice Mae Hamilton Smith (Wilmington), William Clayton Henderson and Willden Adolph Nethercutt (Beulaville), and Thomas Leo Braxton, (Greenville),,,,ones that I personally performed.

P.S.-2,,,Excuse my poor typing (its all the machines fault, of course.)

P.S.-3 The pictures w/notes on back are for you the other set you might want to send on to Christine when you write her some time.
—thanks—

month to twice a month.

Prior to this time the church had been heated with space heaters. But in 1952, central heating was added to the entire building.

A few years later, the need for an educational building providing more Sunday School space became evident. Through the efforts of the members of the church, the facility, comprising four classrooms, restrooms, kitchen and fellowship area, was completed and dedicated in October of 1962. Rev. Cedric D. Pierce, Jr. was the pastor at the time, and Dr. Burkette Raper gave the dedication sermon.

Since the completion of the educational building, several improvements and renovations have been made. A new roof was put on the main building in 1965, and the church interior was remodeled, with carpeting installed, in 1966. For many years Casey's Chapel had used other churches for Baptismal services. As a Result of cooperation and hard work by members of the congregation, a Baptistry was installed in 1969.

For quite some time the church had been meeting twice a month for worship services. In 1968 the church began having worship services every Sunday. The Rev. Walter Bass was the pastor during this time.

The congregation had also desired for quite some time to see the exterior of the church veneered with brick. During this renovation period, the entrance of the church was completely remodeled with the addition of a new Narthex, and Stained glass windows were installed. They were given by members and friends either in memory or honor of loved ones. This work was accomplished in 1970, and central air-conditioning was installed in 1972.

Through the generous donation of an interested person and other donations from members and friends of the congregation; a new Hammond Organ was installed in April of 1972. A project to locate a lighted sign near the highway was sponsored and completed by the Woman's Auxiliary of the church in 1972. All of these projects were completed in 1972 and dedicated in services on May 14.

Many other projects within the church have been completed during recent years. New pulpit furniture and padded pews, and the addition of aluminum siding have all beautified the church both inside and out. But the work of Casey's Chapel is far from over. The church is again in a building program designed to expand our facilities in order that we might better serve our members, our community, and the cause of Christ. It is our prayer that all who pass this way in the days to come will receive God's richest blessing in the use of this His House.

Sources: *History of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* Harrison and Barfield, 1959, Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden; *Minutes of The Cape Fear Conference*, Historical Room, Mount Olive College; and *Minutes of Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church*, 1939-1981.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS MT. OLIVE WARD

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The first organized congregation of the church in Wayne County was a Sunday School near Mt. Olive. This Sunday School was organized 8 November 1896 with Manethro Godwin as superintendent. On 6 June 1897 it was reorganized with a membership of thirty five and with Stephen Henry Price as superintendent.

The Sunday School was dissolved in the early 1900's when most of its members migrated west. It had been known as Union Sunday School, Price Sunday School and the Fulton Branch.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mount Olive Ward.

The first Presiding Elder of the church in Wayne County was Stephen Henry Price who was known as "Preacher Price". He was an avid leader and was known for his devotion to the Lord and for his gift of healing. Elder Price traveled around Duplin and Wayne counties by horse and buggy to conduct his meetings.

In 1953 a branch of the church was organized with Glenn Carr as Branch President. This branch merged with Goldsboro in 1957.

In February 1964 the Mt. Olive Branch was reorganized with Lathan A. Wiggins, grandson of S. Henry Price, as Branch President.

On 23 January 1982 the Mt. Olive Branch, due to the increase of membership, was organized into the Mt. Olive Ward with James W. Dixon as Bishop.

On 30 May 1982 Bishop Dixon was called as State President of the Goldsboro, North Carolina Stake, which presides over Mt. Olive, and Edward C. Hudson was called as Bishop of the Mt. Olive Ward.

— Mary Epps Spiron

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS RELIEF SOCIETY

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On Tuesday night 24 March 1972, the Goldsboro Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints honored 21 past presidents of their women's organization, The Relief Society, at a formal dinner in the church cultural hall.

The women honored in the above picture, first row (left to right) are: Vonnie W. Brock, Henrietta N. Cogdell, Virginia H. Maples, Carrie F. Walters, Sarah S. Carraway and Helen M. Aycock; back row: Elizabeth G. Aycock, Lois S. Carr, Hazel M. Jones, Alma M. Bell, Phyllis G. Grant and Effie W. Brock.

Entertainment included musical selections by accordionist, Mark Massen; pianist, Carolyn Oldham; and a family trio, Henrietta Cogdell, Marylou Weagley and Donna Daughtry. Elva Orton presented a historical narration dating back to the early 1920's, interspersed with poetry readings dedicated to the presidents and covering the lives and events of their individual periods of service.

The Relief Society was organized in 1842. It is recognized as the oldest national organization for women in the United States and is a charter member of the National Council of Women of the United States.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Relief Society at a formal dinner in March of 1972. Sitting (l to r): Vonnie W. Brock, Henrietta Cogdell, Virginia H. Maples, Carrie F. Walters, Sarah S. Carraway and Helen M. Aycock. Standing (l to r): Elizabeth G. Aycock, Lois S. Carr, Hazel M. Jones, Alma M. Bell, Phyllis G. Grant, and Effie W. Brock.

Major purpose of the group is to render compassionate service, provide for the poor, care for the sick and relieve the bereaved. The organization also seeks to cultivate the talents and interests of its members through weekly studies in theology, literature, music, art, social relations and home management.

Past Presidents of The Relief Society are: Mary C. Fulghum, Bertie G. Epps, Henrietta N. Cogdell, Libby G. Sadler, Little W. Stevens, Vonnie W. Brock, Hilda Aycock, Bertha Maples, Virginia H. Maples, Helen M. Aycock, Hallie L. Ervin, Sarah S. Carraway, Alma M. Bell, Annie M. Morgan, Hattie C. Carr, Phyllis C. Grant, Lois S. Carr, Effie W. Brock, Elizabeth G. Aycock, Katherine H. Brodhead, Sally D. Darnell, Hazel M. Jones, Linda L. Harmon, Rosemary F. Bolt, Delores Ballenger, Rosa Lee Sewell, Delma A. Coston, Betty B. Joyner, Ada Margaret Roberts, Emily B. Waters, Susan Ence, Joyce Lemmon, Carrie F. Walters and Suzanne S. Hawes.

Sources: Goldsboro Relief Society History Book and the personal knowledge of Lois S. Carr.

— Lois S. Carr

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS IN WAYNE COUNTY

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized on the 6th of April 1830 at Fayette, Seneca County, New York by six men who claimed to be directed by divine revelation. Mormon is the name commonly given to the members because of their belief in The Book of Mormon; however, this book is not their Bible. They accept and teach the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

The headquarters of the church moved from New York to Kirtland, Ohio in 1831. In 1837 the headquarters were moved to Independence, Missouri and from Independence to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1839. In 1846 the Church and its headquarters settled in the valley of the Great Salt Lake in Utah. From its humble origin, and in the face of the most severe opposition and persecution, the church has grown to over five million members. From 1894 to 1898 the scope and intensity of Mormon Missionary activity increased in North Carolina.

Wayne County proved fruitful for the missionaries during the period between 1896 and 1900 when approximately one hundred people joined the church.

The first Sunday School was organized in 1896. It was located near Mt. Olive and was referred to as the Union Sunday School, Price Sunday School and the Fulton Branch.

In subsequent years, Sunday Schools were organized in the Eureka, Seven Springs (White Hall) and Pinkney areas; however, these Sunday Schools were dissolved in the early 1900's when most of the members migrated west.

On 30 October 1932 a Sunday School was organized at Nahunta and in 1938 a Sunday School was organized at Grantham. Both these Sunday Schools became organized branches. In 1953 a branch was organized in Mt. Olive.

On 5 May 1910, a Sunday School was organized in Goldsboro with S.B. Fulghum as superintendent. On 14 July 1911 Andrew Mooring donated a tract of land in his peach orchard and a meetinghouse was constructed with the help of the members from Grantham and Nahunta. The building was located on the northern edge of Goldsboro, now known as Frank Street. During those early years, S. Henry Price was an avid leader and the Presiding Elder of the Wayne County area.

In the years 1911, 1914 and 1916 Goldsboro was the site for state wide conferences. These conferences were presided over by the Mission Presidents Ben E. Rich and Charles A. Callis. The conferences were held for two days with approximately five hundred people attending from all over North Carolina.

The membership increased in the Goldsboro Branch and by 1937 it became evident that the meetinghouse on Frank Street was inadequate and the members began a twelve year fund raising campaign.

On 27 May 1943 the building on Frank Street was sold to the First Baptist Church.

Until a new meetinghouse could be constructed, the members held Sacrament Meet-



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ings, Sunday School and MIA in various halls in Goldsboro, viz: Woodman of the World, Seventh Day Adventist (over the Candy Kitchen), V.F.W. and the Community Center at Seymour Johnson Homes. The Primary and the Relief Society were held in the homes of the members.

The meetinghouse at 601 East Ash Street was completed in 1948 and dedicated on 30 October 1949 by Elder Ezra Taft Benson. The membership at that time was four hundred and fifty. In 1957 Grantham, Nahunta and Mt. Olive consolidated with the Goldsboro Branch.

By 1959 the membership had increased to the point that the meetinghouse on Ash Street was inadequate. A lot was purchased on Eleventh Street and the building on Ash Street was sold to Shumate Funeral Home on 19 December 1961.

The present meetinghouse on Eleventh Street was completed and the first meeting was held on 27 August 1961 with Elder LeGrand Richards presiding. The membership had increased to nine hundred and the Goldsboro Branch was organized into the Goldsboro Ward with E. Glenn Carr as Bishop. The building was dedicated 22 May 1966 by Elder James A. Cullimore.

By 1963 the membership in Goldsboro had increased to the point where it became necessary to divide the Goldsboro Ward. The Ward was divided into the Goldsboro First Ward with E. Earl Brock as Bishop and the Goldsboro Second Ward with Lynn Mackey as Bishop on 3 March 1963. Due to transient membership in the Goldsboro Second Ward, the Wards merged on 5 March 1967 with Henry P. Cogdell as Bishop, however, by 1978 the membership had increased until the Ward was divided on 10 September 1978 into the Goldsboro First Ward with E. Earl Moye as Bishop and the Goldsboro Second Ward with William R. Johnson as Bishop.

During 1978 and 1979 the meetinghouse underwent a \$250,000.00 renovation program and the building was rededicated on 9 August 1981.

On 14 June 1981 Joe N. Broadhead became Bishop of the Goldsboro Second Ward and on 30 May 1982 Norman L. Collins became Bishop of the Goldsboro First Ward.

The membership of the church in eastern North Carolina continued to increase and on 30 May 1982 the Kinston, North Carolina Stake, which presided over the Wayne County area, was divided and the Goldsboro, North Carolina

Stake was organized with James W. Dixon as Stake President. The Goldsboro, North Carolina Stake includes the Goldsboro First Ward, Goldsboro Second Ward, Mt. Olive Ward, and the Albertson Ward together with the Wilson, Tarboro, Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids Branches.

— Mary Epps Spiron

THE CHURCH ON THE HILL IN SEVEN SPRINGS

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They call it "The Church On The Hill" in Seven Springs. Built in 1874, the church itself has had several names, but because it stands overlooking the village in the valley below, the hilltop identifies the location.

It was on this same hill during the Civil War that the Union troops set up their cannons during the 1862 Battle of White Hall, now called Seven Springs. Federal soldiers and Confederate soldiers fought each other from opposite sides of the Neuse River. Before it ended the bridge was destroyed; the industries were burned; and the village, nestled below the hill on the south bank of the river, was caught in the crossfire and devastated. Behind this hill, the Union soldiers used White Hall's first permanent residence, the Whitfield house, for a hospital; and in the surrounding woods they buried the nameless Federal dead in long trenches far away from home.

Twelve years later William B. Whitfield gave land and they built a church. The peaceful setting bore few traces of past upheavals or changes yet to come, for in the century that followed it was to bear three different names and undergo three denominational changes.

The Presbyterians

The Presbyterian congregation was organized September 21, 1873, by A. Kirkland, evangelist for the Wilmington Presbytery. It was named White Hall Presbyterian Church, South, in the town of White Hall, N.C.

The building, in course of construction in the spring of 1874, was planned with a balcony. William B. Whitfield, often called Mr. Billy, lived at the old nearby homestead, and although slavery had ceased by the end of the Civil War, some former slaves were still living there. They were the people who were skilled workmen, and it is said they helped build the